Recession in Textiles/T.V./Automobile industries

2379. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Textiles, T.V., Two Wheelers, Truck and automobile industries etc. are facing recession due to high rates of excise and reduced surplus purchasing power, if so, what are the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to restore normalcy of these industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) The recessionary trend is preceptible in the manufacturing sector including textiles, T.V., two wheelers, truck, automobile industries etc. This could be attributed generally to a decline in demand resulting from high credit costs and increase in prices caused, *inter alia*, by higher input cost, import restrictions because of foreign exchange constraints, the downward adjustment of the exchange value of rupee, etc., Measures announced in the Union Budget for 1992-93 such as reduction of duties, elimination of import licensing except for a small negative list, reduction in statutory liquidity ratio, reduction in interest rates, etc. are designed to restore normalcy in the industrial sector.

Submission of papers before BIFR by Public Sector Undertakings

2380. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of public sector undertakings under his Ministry which have been asked to submit papers before the BIFR;

(b) whether any time-schedule for completion of proceedings before the BIFR has been drawn up; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The sick public sector undertakings falling within the purview of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 have been advised to act as per the provisions of this Act. Details of such Public Sector Undertakings under the department of Heavy Industry are at Statement. (*See below*).

(b) and (c) The companies have to comply with the provisions of the relevent Act and regulations in the matter of pdoceedings before the BIFR. After reference is received by BIFR, this is dealt by it as per the provisions of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 (No. 1 of 1986).

Statement

Submission of papers before BIFR by public sector undertakings.

1. Bharat Process & Mechanical Engineers Ltd.
2. Weighbird India Limited.
3. Bharat Pumps & Compressors Ltd.
4. Braithwaite & Company Ltd.
5. Bharat Brakes & Valves Ltd.
6. Cycle Corporation of India Ltd.
7. National Bicycle Corporation of India Ltd.
8. Heavy Engineering Corporation Ltd.
9. Mining & Allied Machinery Corporation Ltd.
10. National Instruments Ltd.
11. Richardson & Cruddas (1972) Ltd.
12. Scooters India Ltd.

13. Triveni Structurals Ltd.

14. Mandya National Paper Mills Ltd.

15. Nagaland Pulp & Paper Co. Ltd.

16. Bharat Opthalmic Glass Ltd.

17. Tannery & Footwear Corporation of India Ltd.

18. Tyre Corporation of India Ltd.

19. Rehabilitation Industries Corporation Ltd.

20. Bharat Leather Corporation Ltd.

RBI committee to study sickness in small scale sector

2381. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the RBI has constituted a high power committee to study the problems of working capital and sickness in the small scale sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the committee is likely to submit its report; and

(d) to what extent the small scale industries would be benefited as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) A Committee to review the arrangements for meeting the working capital requirements of small scale industries, and for the rehabilitation of sick small scale industries and to examine any other issue relating to small scale industries has been appointed vide RBI memorandum dated 9.12.91.

(c) The Committee is expected to submit the report by 30th June, 1992.

(d) This would depend on the nature of recommendations of the committee and implementation of the same.

Industrial Production

2382. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) whether National Economic Survey has recently given its presumption that Industrial Production is likely to fall during 1991-92;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take some ecective steps to ensure such position may not be repeated during 1992-93; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) According to the Economic Survey, 1991-92, the growth of ndustrial production during 1991-92, could be expected to be in the range of 3 to 4 per cent.

(c) and (d) Government has brought out a statement on Industrial Policy which was tabled in the Lok Sabha on 24th July, 1991. The New Industrial Policy is aimed at improving industrial production by relaxing controls and removing bureaucratic delays. Many policy measures announced in the Union Budget for 1992-93 are resigned to promote industrial growth. Thus, measures like partial convertibility of the rupee, reduction of duties on capital goods, and elimination of import licensing except for a small negative list, etc. would facilitate easier availability of raw materials, components etc. while measures like reduction in statutory liquidity ratio and reducton in interest rate would facilitate easier availability of funds at lower cost for industrial development.

Public Sector Undertakings Located in Madhya Pradesh

2383. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: